

Weakening the Minds of Citizens

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The process of weakening the minds of as many citizens as possible has begun and it is not just in America. It is a global phenomenon that is picking up steam and unlikely to change because it serves the goals and objectives of human leaders who want to remain in power for as long as possible. Not only that, but many of these leaders also want to continue manipulating world affairs even after leaving office because it benefits them financially.

And because of man's lawless behavior, our Creator is allowing the majority of His rebellious and foolish children to continue down this path virtually oblivious to what is happening (2Cor. 4:4; cf. Rev. 12:9). When they finally hit the figurative "brick wall", and wake up to reality, He will listen to their pleas for help. However, these pleas must include acknowledging that His word (as summarized by His law and commandments) is the source of peace and good mental health (happiness). Also, as part of this rehabilitation process, mankind must reach the point where they understand that negative consequences are the direct result of lawless behavior. The Bible describes this as the process of repentance.

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God (cf. Ps. 119:172b)? Do not be deceived (which the majority of mankind is today). Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals (catamites; those submitting to homosexuals), nor sodomites (male homosexuals), ¹⁰not thieves, nor covetous (for power and money), nor drunkards (addicted to drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography, etc.), nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹*And such were some of you (early church members prior to repentance) ... (1Cor. 6:9-11a; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

To one degree or another, every member of God's early church committed sins worthy of everlasting death (cf. Rom. 6:23a). However Jesus Christ, who was sinless, gave up his life as a substitute to cover the sins of everyone, including fallen angels, because Almighty God, the Father, is not willing that anyone remain dead forever (cf. 2Pet. 3:9). However, every sinner must acknowledge their guilt and genuinely seek forgiveness.

*Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit** (Ac. 2:38; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Following repentance and baptism, an individual receives God's Holy Spirit which strengthens them in their efforts to resist sin. By doing so, they can become more effective servants of Almighty God. One very helpful characteristic of God's Holy Spirit is that it is not fearful of those things that can cause potential harm.

***For God** (Almighty) **has not given us** (early church members) **a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind** (2Tim. 1:7; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Anyone who is controlled by fear does not have a sound mind. In fact, the reverse is true. This explains why so many human governments are able to control their citizens. Specifically, these governments use various threats to make their citizens fearful enough to surrender freedoms they previously had. For instance, when demonstrators entered the Capitol Bldg. on

January 6, 2021, in Washington D.C., some were incarcerated for over 6 months on misdemeanor charges. Contrast this government “over reach” and “control” to riots with death, personal injury, damage and destruction of government and private property in cities like Seattle, WA, Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN. Did many of these perpetrators get incarcerated for over 6 months on misdemeanor charges? No. Instead, some politicians who support movements like “defund the police” encouraged the establishment of websites to “fund the real criminals” because these real criminals supported the policies of those who want to remove the freedoms enshrined in the American Constitution.

The COVID pandemic is another case in point where many political leaders have harmed their own citizens by enforcing draconian regulations under the guise of “I’m doing it for your own good”. As a result, suicides and drug overdoses have increased, many businesses have closed forever, increased isolation has compounded mental health problems, physical abuse cases have increased as well as health complications related to people not going to see their doctors for “follow ups” or “routine health checks”.

Therefore, by suppressing accurate facts and promoting misinformation, politicians can scare much of the population into accepting their solution to any perceived problem. In America, the government is comfortable partnering with Big Tech companies in order to better control the thoughts and actions of the population. This tactic is always employed by totalitarians and authoritarians. In reality, democracy is now dead. It is simply a misnomer.

Because Almighty God can see the future accurately, He warned that “fear” would be a hallmark of future generations that ignore His word.

*Those who hate you shall reign over you, and **you shall flee when no one pursues you*** (Lev. 26:17b; emphasis added).

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion (Prov. 28:1; emphasis added).

In contrast, for those who place their trust and confidence in God and His word, “fear” does not paralyze them.

*Blessed is the man who fears (has deep respect for) the Lord, **who delights greatly in His commandments.** ²**His descendants will be mighty on earth;** the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³*Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever* (Ps. 112:1b-3; cf. 119:1-8; 1Jn. 5:3; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Surely he will never be shaken... (Ps. 112:6a; emphasis added).

He will not be afraid of evil tidings; (because) his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.** ⁸**His heart is established; he will not be afraid... (Ps. 112:7-8a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Many in positions of power prefer that the population ignore God altogether. Therefore, these leaders will attempt to undermine God’s truth any way they can. This is clear from studying Marxist/Communist systems of government where the ruling elite want their citizens trusting in the government rather than a Higher Authority. Sadly, this methodology is not limited to totalitarian and authoritarian systems of rule. Similar tactics are being used in so-called democratic countries as well. For instance, in America if a baker believes lesbianism or homosexuality is sinful, and then refuses to bake a cake for a lesbian or homosexual wedding, that

baker can be sued. Even if he/she wins the legal battle, it will take a huge financial toll; not to mention the stress associated with litigation. It could even destroy his/her business. In cases like this, it's not in the government's interests to come to the defense of these religious people. Instead, it serves their agenda to allow the defendants to suffer as they stand up for their beliefs. The aim of any government that "turns a blind eye" to this type of legal action is to create a climate of fear for anyone else who attempts to stand up for their belief. Again, this is just another example of governments attempting to weaken their own citizens.

Not to belabor this further, one final point on political operatives weakening a country's citizens. Recently, the governor of Oregon passed Bill 744, which lowers the bar on student performance by removing the standard previously used to grade them on reading, writing and arithmetic. How was this achieved? The way many laws are being enacted. Specifically, politicians create a false narrative that minority communities are be unfairly treated and if you do not agree with this position you are a "racist". Therefore, whenever a politician barks "racist", you become fearful and back down from any meaningful discussion on whether or not our children are being harmed through policies that actually "dumb down" our future generation, as opposed to building them up with the goal of improving their lives. Of course, by "dumbing everyone down", the current generation of foolish leaders will perpetuate itself.

How does God define this generation?

For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding (of real and important values). They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge (Jer. 4:22; Ed. note in parenthesis).

For those who have not lost their minds yet, you should find it interesting that God foresaw these conditions and associates them with being mentally ill.

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. ⁶From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it... (Isa. 1:5b-6a; emphasis added).

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